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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SAID EL SHAMI)
Serial No.: 09/036,819)
Filed: March 9, 1998)
For: METHOD FOR MEASURING FREE)
LIGANDS IN BIOLOGICAL)
FLUIDS, AND ASSAY KITS)
FOR MEASURING SAME)

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Dear Sir:

By Laura Belarde
Date 12-6-02

Responsive to the Office Action of September 17, 2002.

Please delete claim 55 in favor of the following:

Claim 56. A method for determining the concentration of the free testosterone in a biological fluid, wherein said free testosterone is in equilibrium with testosterone bound to one or more endogenous binders in said fluid comprising the steps of (a) forming a mixture